Kuwait have come to notice in recent months.

(b) A group of 3 ladies and a male professor from POK falsely claiming to be from a charitable organisation raising funds for the benefit of people affected by deteriorating economic conditions in POX. entered Kuwait in February, but after entry 'hey claimed to be repr-ssa-i.atms of something cailed Kashmir Human Right Organisaf.ion. they used local platforms for conductig and India proraganda. The' groue has since left Kuvait.

(c) Our Ambassador in Kuwait has expressed our concern to Kuwaiti Fereign Ministry' at Pakistani. Embassy's oisure *Kuwaiti* organisations for and-l-v'ra propaganda. . .

Andher Pardesh visit to India

' 2291. SHRI G. PRATHAPPA REDDY: Will the Ministet of EXTERNAL.AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, an Invitation has been; extended ,to the American President -Mr. Bill Cinton to visit India;

(b) if so, when was the invitation exten, ded;

(c) what is the response of the, American President on this invitation;

(d) if not by when the invitation will be extended and what are the reasons for the delay in extending the invitation; and

{e) by when is the American President likely to visit India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE 'MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise;

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Government will trasmit an invitation at "an appropriate time.

(e) Does not arise.

Requirement of Ration Cards for making Passports

2292. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some Pass port officers have made it compulsory to submit the Ration Cards for purposes of the passports:

(b) if so, what will be the fate of those who do not have ratioh cards;

(c) whether any other proof of resideoce will be trea'ed as valid by sueh passport offcers-.

(d) whetier the names in the latest electoral rolls will also be a valid proof of residence, and ,

(e) what steps,are being taken to simplify the procedures for the issurance of passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI, R., L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Applications for passports need to be accosnoao-ied by"dootanebtary evidence of proof of address. This could be a photoeopy of the applicant's itftiaafttuti or any other documentary avidence such' as the appointment let'er of a deputed company on letter head, water tax/telephone bill/electrieity bill, running bank account etc.

(e) Government have taken a number of steps to simplify procedures for the issue of passports including supply of forms through select post offices., availability of most miscellaneous services at any Passport Offices, delivery of first-time passports in person or by post, processing of applications on a first-eum-first served basis except in genuine amergencies, removal of erstwhile restriction on ravel to South Africa, issuance of a weekly pres-released by Passport Offices to indicate the application date being covered and streamlining of procedures with regard to lost./ damaged passports.